

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2802

Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley

February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 44239.5 to the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2802, as introduced, Pavley. Teacher credentialing: early learning credential.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other things, establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, by July 1, 2008, and in collaboration with the California public institutions of higher education, to develop an early learning credential required to be held by a teacher of preschool, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, and to submit that proposed credential to the commission for approval and implementation. The bill would require the commission to adopt an early learning credential for those teachers by July 1, 2010. The bill would require, by July 1, 2016, all teachers in preschool, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, to have a bachelors degree and an early learning credential, or a multiple subject credential received prior to July 1, 2010, with 24 units in early learning.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44239.5 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:
3 44239.5. (a) By July 1, 2008, the Superintendent, in
4 collaboration with the California public institutions of higher
5 education, shall develop an early learning credential required to
6 be held by a teacher of preschool, kindergarten, and any of
7 grades 1 to 3, inclusive, and submit that proposed credential to
8 the commission for approval and implementation.
9 (b) By July 1, 2010, the commission shall adopt an early
10 learning credential for the teachers specified in subdivision (a).
11 (c) By July 1, 2016, all teachers in preschool, kindergarten, or
12 any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, shall have a bachelors degree and
13 an early learning credential, or a multiple subject credential
14 received prior to July 1, 2010, with 24 units in early learning.